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Since June 1960, nearly all of Cuba's imports of petroleum products and all of its oil imports have come from the Soviet Bloc, i. e., the USSR and Rumania. The only products related to POL that Cuba imports from countries receiving US aid are special additives-- anti-corrosion elements, catalysts, etc. These are sold by private firms in the UK, France, Belgium, West Germany, and Canada. No statistics are available on the quantities involved, but our information indicates that the amounts are small.

Pressure to block shipments of these additives has been successful in a number of cases, most recently in preventing movement  of material ultimately destined for Cuba.

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